



# Workers Together



*"The servant mission of The Kansas District is to equip, encourage and empower each congregation in its mission vision and Christ-care ministry."*

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## President's Office

### I Charge You Not to Tell by President Keith E. Kohlmeier

In earlier years I always was puzzled by that command of Jesus. It usually followed a miracle or a clear revelation of His glory. And then, while they stood there with their jaws dropped, Jesus would turn and say, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen."

Of course it didn't always work. One disciple shared it with another, a healed person told their family or their community. And yet, time and again, Jesus charged those He touched not to share the episode.

It would seem that He was getting bad counsel from His PR Department. Who wouldn't broadcast those moments? Why wouldn't you counter the negative PR with the positive things that He was doing to heal, bless and display His glory?

It has only been in recent study that someone has helped me understand why Jesus was so insistent in those moments. You see, He knew that they were only going to tell part of the story. His earthly ministry, those moments, were not the whole story. They were only glimpses of the truth that He came to bring. They were momentous events in the lives of those individuals, but none of them, by themselves, told the story of why He came among us. To tell only those portions of the story was to tell only half of the truth. And half of the truth is still a lie.

It was only when the entire story was tied together by the cross and the resurrection that any of those stories could be told. It was tied together for some when they went to the tomb on Easter morning. It was tied together that Easter evening for the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. It was tied together for others when He came to them in the room where they were gathered. For some it didn't happen until they could touch His hands and side. For others it didn't happen until He knocked them off a horse. But it was confirmed for all when he ascended into heaven after the command to be His disciples and now to "tell everyone you can."

You and I now live in the age of no restriction. We know the full and complete truth of His life, miracles, death and His resurrection. We live in the age of, "Go into all the world and proclaim to all the people!" God has loosed us to be the ambassadors of a complete and final message. May He use you in that endeavor on a daily basis.

*Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Psalm 105:1*



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## Calls Accepted

- Rev. Dan Galchutt from St. Paul, Haven to Calvary, Topeka
- Rev. John Sharp from St. Peter, Holyrood/Zion, Claflin to Immanuel, Broadlands, Ill.

## Calls Pending

- Rachel Micheel from Concordia/Seward to Trinity Lutheran School, Atchison, Teacher (Placement)
- Melanie Vaughn to Trinity, Salina as DCE (Placement)
- Rev. Andrew Wehling from Grace, Liberal to Zion, Hastings, Neb.

## Calls Declined

- Robert Cooksey from Christ Community, Kirkwood, Mo. to Holy Cross Lutheran School, Wichita, Principal
- Cory Emily from Bethany Lutheran School, Overland Park to Albany, NY, Principal
- Kari Lettow from Christ, Murray, Utah to Zion Lutheran School, Independence, Principal/Teacher

## Calling Congregations/Schools

St. Luke, Bazine  
 St. Paul, Duluth  
 St. Paul, Haven  
 Zion, Independence (Principal/Teacher)  
 Grace, Larned  
 St. Paul, Lincoln  
 Christ, Manhattan  
 Trinity, Mission (Min. of Outreach, DCE)  
 Faith, Ottawa  
 Trinity, Salina (DCE)  
 Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove  
 Holy Cross, Wichita (Senior Pastor, Principal)  
 Risen Savior, Wichita (DCE)



## Workers Together Mailing Change

Workers Together is no longer being mailed to each congregation, school, pastor or individual.

**If you don't have access to email or the internet, call Lori at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 and we will mail you a printed copy each month.**

### District Congregation Mission Receipts

Last month:	Feb. 16, 2009 - Mar. 15, 2009	.....	\$113,939
	Feb. 16, 2008 - Mar. 15, 2008	.....	\$104,590
Year-to-date:	Jan. 16, 2009 - Mar. 15, 2009	.....	\$295,759
	Jan. 16, 2008 - Mar. 15, 2008	.....	\$282,647
To LCMS:	Jan. 16, 2009 - Mar. 15, 2009	.....	\$124,219
	Jan. 16, 2008 - Mar. 15, 2008	.....	\$118,712

## District Calendar

### April

- 9 District Office Closes at 2:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday
- 10 District Office Closed, Good Friday
- 17-19 Lay Leadership Training, District Office
- 24-25 Board of Directors, District Office

### May

- 4-5 Timothy Gathering, Herington
- 15-17 Lay Leadership Training, District Office
- 25 District Office Closed, Memorial Day

### June

- 4-6 District Convention, Topeka

## Milestone Ordination Anniversaries

### November through April

Carlton Kjergaard	55 years	Al Hoger	30 years
Dale Doerr	40 years	Kurt Rutz	25 years
Larry Brakenhoff	35 years	Donnie Hofman	20 years
		John Einem	20 years

## Prayers

- Ken Jorns, Board of Directors, recovery from heart surgery
- Rev. Fred Darkow, retired, Winfield, health concerns
- Rev. George Bruening, Topeka, health concerns
- Steve Bremer, District Office, health concerns

## Area Chaplains

♦ *Wichita & Topeka* - Contact Rev. Rocky Mease. Home: 316-788-9627. Cell: 316-993-0746. Email: chaprm@aol.com.

### Wichita Hospital Referral

♦ *Kansas City* - Our Saviour Lutheran Church has an apartment available for families who have patients in Kansas City area hospitals (sleeps 4). Families must live outside a 35 mile radius of Kansas City. Contact Donna Bottemuller at 913-236-6228 for more information.

### Kansas City Hospital Referral

## District Directory

**Phone** 1-785-357-4441  
**Toll Free** 1-800-357-4421  
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 Doris Wilson (101)  
**Directory** press 8  
**Extension by name** press 9  
**Operator** press 0

## Mark Your Calendars

Pastors, workers and congregations, please reserve Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, for the 2nd Annual Conversations of Grace Webcast. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. participants will learn more about Plowing, preparing your congregation and community for outreach, and Planting, sharing Christ with others. The webcast will include:

- ◆ question/answer sessions with presenters
- ◆ time to network with other congregations
- ◆ time to plan with members of your own congregation.

Please contact Lori at [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org) or 800-357-4421 ext. 223 if your congregation would be interested in serving as a host site.

For information and monthly updates, go to [www.kslcms.org/cog](http://www.kslcms.org/cog).

## Financial Aid Available

Do you know of any student(s) pursuing a career in professional church work at one of the LCMS colleges or seminaries? Scholarship applications, instructions, and financial aid contact information are available on the district website - [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org), click on the Publications tab and scroll down to Mission & Stewardship Resources. The deadline for the Kansas District is June 1. If you have any questions, contact Lori Hennessey at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org).

## Convention Offering for Jack & Cathy Carlos

Jack & Cathy Carlos have accepted the call to become missionaries in Guinea, utilizing basic health care education to open the door to sharing the Gospel with Maninka people in the Sigiuri area. LCMS World Mission requires them to raise enough money to support their mission work for two years - about \$300,000.

To help Jack & Cathy raise the needed funds, the Kansas District Board of Directors is asking every congregation to gather a special offering to be brought to the District Convention and dedicated for Jack & Cathy's service to our Lord on our behalf in the Guinea mission field.

Packets were mailed to each congregation with materials to use for this special offering, including:

- ◆ a bulletin insert
- ◆ a newsletter article
- ◆ letters from teammates Tim Norton and Andrea Herman
- ◆ Carlos family winter newsletter
- ◆ Carlos family Prayer Card

These materials are available on our District website, Guinea Partnership page, click on Convention Offering.

A DVD is also available, with two video presentations by Jack & Cathy - a short two-minute piece and a longer eight-minute piece. Contact Lori at [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org) or 800-357-4421 ext. 223 if you would like the DVD.

## Fan into Flame News

Need more information about *Fan Into Flame* in Kansas? Visit our District's [Fan Into Flame web page](#) to find:

- ◆ [Kansas Ablaze Mission Plan](#)
- ◆ [FIF Monthly Newsletter](#)
- ◆ President Kohlmeier's [Monthly Letter](#)
- ◆ [Ablaze/Fan into Flame Facts](#)
- ◆ [How to Get Started](#)
- ◆ and much more!

Nationally, gifts and pledges have surpassed the \$45 million mark. In Kansas, gifts and pledges total \$453,726.



## Mission Commitments

We ask that you prayerfully consider your support of District and Synod. You can submit your commitment any of the following ways: 1) send the **green** copy to Lori Hennessey, 1000 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604; 2) call Lori at 800-357-4421 ext. 223; 3) email Lori at [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org). For budget purposes, we would appreciate receiving your commitment as soon as possible.

## Human Care Ministry

Rev. Rocky Mease, Chaplain

### How Time Flies with the Speed of Ministry

It seemed like only a few moments ago Lori was reminding me she needed my *Workers Together* article, but the deadline was a long way off – a whole week. Then a final reminder was in my email Inbox. What happened to that week? It flew by, and I am not even in the parish!

The flying of time, the crush of demands and the burdens of ministry are just a few of the reasons we built the Kansas District Retreat Center.

Not only is the speed of ministry hard on our bodies and souls – it is also difficult on the bodies and souls of our loved ones. When time flies, we need to slow down. Take time to go to the retreat center for a couple of nights. Don't bring your work with you! Bring your Bible, some walking shoes and leave the speed of ministry behind. Jesus did this repeatedly during his ministry. He went away to solitary, quiet places to reconnect

with God and draw the strength he, as a human being, needed.

The Retreat Center will be a place where a worker can retreat alone or with his/her family and where large groups will feel comfortable. We expect to be partially furnished by May. Watch for email announcements that we are taking bookings. Plan your time for reconnection now – and make reservations as soon as we announce we are taking occupants.

## LCEF Loan Rates

March 2009

### Congregational Loans

- Monthly, quarterly or annual adjustable 5.875%
- 5 Year fixed rate balloon 6.375%
- 10 Year fixed rate balloon 6.875%

### New Mission Starts

- First five years 5.500%

### Specialized Ministries 4.125%

### Rostered Church Worker Loans\*

- Home Equity 5.625% to 8.125%
- Residential 5.000% to 6.500%
- Consolidation 7.125% to 9.125%

\* Loan rate variables depend on down payment and term length.

## Rostered Church Worker Loans

LCEF can provide many types of loan products to rostered church workers to help purchase, refinance or receive a home equity loan for a primary, single family residence or to consolidate debt.

### Residential-Purchasing/Refinancing

In response to the request of the Synod and as approved at the 1998 LCMS Convention, LCEF is proud to offer its Residential Loan Program to LCMS rostered church workers. This program offers LCMS ordained and commissioned ministers (on active or emeritus status) another housing loan option for a residence. Minimizing the financial burden of a new mortgage allows church workers to focus more of their time on their ministries and families.

### Home Equity

LCEF's Home Equity Loan Program is the newest loan option for LCMS rostered church workers. Our program is designed to lend personal financial assistance to LCMS ordained and commissioned ministers (on active or emeritus status), allowing them to

effectively focus on their calling - witnessing and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others.

A home equity loan is a financial product that allows a borrower to use the equity in his/her home as collateral for a loan.

Homeowners often use the money from home equity loans to pay off higher-interest debt, purchase an automobile, make large-scale home improvements, pay tuition or for other major purchases.

### Consolidation

LCEF is proud to offer the Debt Consolidation Loan Program to LCMS rostered church workers (on active or emeritus status). This program is designed to lend personal financial management assistance and to help consolidate unsecured outstanding debt, such as credit cards, medical fees or taxes, into one monthly payment.

For more information, contact Steve Bremer at 785-357-4441 ext. 118 or [sbremer@kslcms.org](mailto:sbremer@kslcms.org).

Built Around and For the Church



## LCEF Loans for Congregations and Schools

LCEF provides low-cost loans to build space and place to help fulfill God's mission. Whether you're needing commercial loan assistance to build, remodel or purchase equipment for your church or school, LCEF can provide many types of loan products.

### Mortgage Loans

- ◆ Secured (new and refinances): Usually written for a 20-year term.
- ◆ Specialized Ministry Loans: The LCEF Loan Committee, in consultation with the district, considers all loan requests. Loans are written at an interest rate of LCEF's cost of funds for a term of five years with monthly payments based upon a maximum 20-year term.
- ◆ Unsecured: Written in an amount of up to \$100,000 for a term of up to 15 years. A \$350 loan fee will apply for loans of more than \$50,000 and \$300 for \$50,000 or less.

- ◆ Jump Start: For the purpose of providing "seed dollars" to support a new ministry program or to expand an existing ministry program, e.g., staff person for Evangelism Outreach or Director of Youth Ministry. The interest rate charged will be the prevailing rate.
- ◆ Soft Cost: To provide "working capital" for preconstruction-related costs, e.g., architect/design and engineering fees, market studies, capital pledge campaign expenses, and special assessments. The interest rate charged will be the prevailing rate.
- ◆ Parsonage/Housing: Written to church on behalf of pastor/teacher.

### Lines of Credit

Use Lines of Credit to fund non-budgeted expenses and for anticipated cash flow deficiencies in your operating budget on a recurring basis.

- ◆ Credit Limit: 15 percent of the previous year's income (excluding building funds and bequests).
  - ◆ Term: Five-year period with annual review. Interest on outstanding balance billed monthly.
  - ◆ Zero Debt Period: The balance must be reduced to zero for 30 consecutive days out of each 12-month period.
- ### Construction/Bridge Loans
- ◆ Rate is fixed during construction.
  - ◆ All rates are one percent above the adjustable permanent rate.
  - ◆ Written to allow up to two years to complete project.

For more information, contact Steve Bremer at 785-357-4441 ext. 118 or [sbremer@kslcms.org](mailto:sbremer@kslcms.org) or call LCEF at 1-800-843-5233, 7:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., CDT, Monday through Friday. They will answer your questions and provide guidance.

### Protecting Your Assets for Your Beneficiaries

The goal these days seems to be retiring and living out the end of your days free of any worries about money. What if death were to occur before you reach your retirement age? Will all your hard-earned money go directly to the heirs you want, or will it simply become part of your estate? With some simple planning you can protect your assets from taxes and probate.

If you are still fortunate enough to have a defined-benefit pension or a 401K with an employer or former employer, you probably have a beneficiary designation form in their files. Are the beneficiaries named up-to-date? Are they still the same people you wish to have the money if you are no longer alive to receive it? On each beneficiary designation form, you should list a primary beneficiary and one or more contingent beneficiaries. Changes in your life could warrant a change in your original beneficiary designations. These persons named should be reviewed each year or anytime you have a significant change in your life.

Beneficiary designations should also be named on your IRAs and annuities. You want to make sure these designations are always up-to-date. Making your estate a beneficiary can cause significant tax consequences for your heirs.

If you die before receiving Social Security benefits, no one will receive the money you contributed all those years. However, your spouse may be eligible for the benefits based on your employment record. Please check this with your local Social Security Office or go online for more information at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

All bank accounts, CD's and mutual funds can be transferred by the use of Payable on Death contracts. Real estate and personal property can be transferred by the use of a Transfer on Death deed.

Please call or write our office for more information on this subject. We can be reached at the Kansas District LCMS Office, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604 or 785-357-4441 ext. 101.

## Business Office

Debbie Crites, Business Manager

### Pre-Retirement Workshop

Concordia Plan Services and the Kansas District will be hosting a two day Pre-Retirement Workshop for all professional workers and their spouses to help them understand the process of planning for retirement. This workshop will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 16 & 17, at the District Office in Topeka. Sessions will include budgeting and finance, retirement income, envisioning your retirement lifestyle, health and wellness, where to live and what to do with your time in retirement. Since retirement decisions affect the family, this workshop is designed for couples to attend together.

Concordia Plan Services representative Paul Snyder will be leading this workshop and will also schedule ½ hour individual sessions with you and your spouse to discuss any additional retirement questions that you might have.

Cost to attend is \$120 per couple, which includes one night's lodging and all your meals. To register for the workshop, please contact Debbie Crites at 785-357-4441 ext. 204 or [debbie@kslcms.org](mailto:debbie@kslcms.org). Space is limited, so contact Debbie today.

### Congregation Statistical Reports

2008 Congregational Statistical Reports were mailed to all congregations in January. Please remember to make a copy of the completed form and mail it to the District Office. The 2010 Synodical Convention assessments will be set this summer and will be based on the communicant membership from the 2008 statistical reports, so it is imperative that the District has the most current information. Thank you for your help.

### Have You Filed Your Non-Profit Annual Report?

Kansas law requires all non-profit organizations that are incorporated with the Secretary of State to file an annual report. The form requires basic information along with a \$40.00 annual fee. The deadline for filing the report is the sixth month and fifteenth day following the end of the organization's fiscal year, I.E. a fiscal year-end of Dec. 31 would have a filing due date of June 15. Failure to file on a timely basis will result in delinquent status and loss of good standing with the Secretary of State and could eventually jeopardize your corporation's certificate of incorporation.

If you are unsure of your organization's filing due date, its current filing status, or your business entity ID number, you can check it at the Secretary of State's website [www.kssos.org](http://www.kssos.org). Under "Quick Links" select "Search Business Entity Information." Search for the organization by either business entity number or by name.

You are now able to file your annual report online. Under "Featured Links" click on "File Annual Reports Online." Enter your business entity ID number and complete the questions on the screen. The online transaction charge is \$2.00 and payment of the filing fee and transaction charge can be made with any major credit card or by electronic check. Filing is immediate and the filed copy is available for you to print for your records.

## New Date for Youth Ministry Academy Module 2

Have you been struggling to nurture the spiritual life of the youth in your congregation? Have you been overwhelmed by all of the activities of youth ministry to the point that you haven't been able to focus on studying God's Word with your youth?

Please join us for Module 2 of the Youth Ministry Academy (YMA) on Saturday, May 9, at Trinity, Salina, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will focus on nurturing the spiritual development of the youth God has given us and take time to discuss how we, too, might continue to keep God as the main focus of our lives of service.

As we gather, we will look at the uniqueness of our Lutheran identity and what it has to say about "doing youth ministry." We will also spend

time discussing ways we can focus on our own walk with Christ and how we help youth develop their walk with their Lord and Savior. Each congregation will be provided with a copy of "Contemplative Youth Ministry," a resource designed to help us focus on the spiritual development of youth, as well as other resources that will be discussed throughout the session.

This module will cost \$25 per person, which includes instruction costs and lunch. Contact Educational Services at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 206 or visit [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org) for information. Registrations are due by Friday, May 1, at the District office. You may also contact one of the module facilitators, DCE Cindy Twillman (Ascension, Wichita) at 316-722-4694.

## Singles Spring Retreat

The Adult Singles Ministry Spring Retreat will be held in Wichita, April 18-19. The theme of the retreat is, "Get Out of the Van." Pastor Scott Goltl (Ascension, Wichita) will host tours of the Islamic Center and Buddhist Temple and lead discussion on how we might share our faith with others of different religions.

Cost for this two-day event is \$56 (commuter), \$77 (4/room), \$98 (2/room) and \$139 (1/room). This includes motel, program and lunch and dinner on Saturday.

For more information, contact:

- ◆ Staci Timm at [stacitimm@juno.com](mailto:stacitimm@juno.com) or 785-823-6727
- ◆ the District Office at 785-357-4441 ext. 206 or [joyce@kslcms.org](mailto:joyce@kslcms.org)
- ◆ go to [www.kslcms.org/singles](http://www.kslcms.org/singles).



## Senior High Youth Summer Camp

The 2009 Kansas District Sr. High Summer Camp is July 19-24 at LVR. Youth in the classes of 2009-2013 are eligible to attend. The theme verse is Psalm 46:10 - "Be still and know that I am God."

The cost is \$355, which covers transportation, camp fees, meals at camp and spiritual life programming (travel day meals not included).

For more information about the retreat, including a brochure, youth forms and online registration, go to [www.kslcms.org/lvr/index](http://www.kslcms.org/lvr/index).

All registrations must be submitted **online**. Once online registration is made, congregations need to print a copy of the invoice and mail it to the District Office along with a congregational check (payable to Kansas District LCMS) for a \$100 deposit per student - no personal checks or cash.

PLEASE NOTE: All forms and final payment are due by June 15th. After this date there will be a late fee of \$25 per student.

## Education Calendar

Apr. 16-18	National DCE Conference, Dallas
Apr. 18-19	Singles Spring Retreat, Wichita
May 9	Youth Ministry Academy, Salina
May 21-25	LVR Servant Event
June 4-6	District Convention
July 19-24	Youth Summer Camp, LVR
Aug. 1	Early Childhood Workshop, Olathe

## Early Childhood Workshop

Come meet and spend the day with early childhood professionals from the Kansas District at the Early Childhood Workshop on Aug. 1st at Beautiful Savior in Olathe. The Bible verse for the conference is Proverbs 3:13-14: "Happy is the man who finds wisdom and understanding for the gain from it is better than gain from silver and profit better than gold."

Sharon MacDonald, the keynote speaker, will give us quick fixes for getting children to help with clean-up and wait their turn, redirecting behavior and much more.

Breakout sessions include: "A Bag Full of Ideas" by Sharon MacDonald; "Share the Joy of Reading" and "Transforming Children into Spiritual Beings" by Drew Gerdes; and other sessions focusing on infant/toddlers, math and more. Participants have the opportunity to earn 6 clock hours. Registration information will be out soon.

## LVR Servant Event

Join 2008 graduates, college students and other adults at LVR for a servant event, May 21-25.

The cost is \$120 and includes transportation, meals (at LVR - meals out and back are extra), materials, housing and program. Scholarships are available!

For more information, contact DCE Leland Jackson at 620-276-3110 or [dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com](mailto:dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com).

## 2010 National Youth Gathering

New information is coming to [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com) in mid-March, including downloadable resources for adult leaders. Check out the site's FAQ section.

◆ Later this summer, online applications will be available for the Young Adult Volunteer Corps who must be between 19 and 25 by the time of the Gathering.

◆ Are you on Facebook? Join the group "The 2010 National LCMS Youth Gathering" - <http://www.facebook.com/groups.php?ref=sb#/group.php?gid=6376465727>

◆ Registration materials will be available online in late summer and online registration begins this fall.

## Camp Tomah Shinga

Camp Tomah Shinga is now taking registrations for eight weeks of summer camp. The camps run through June and July, with sessions for 1st-3rd graders; 4th-6th graders; Jr. High; and Sr. High. Bekah Freed, a Concordia/Seward student, is this summer's Site Manager. More information, registration forms and directions to camp can be found at [www.tomahshinga.com](http://www.tomahshinga.com). Weekend groups are also booking the camp for retreats in April, May, August, September and October. For more information, contact Harlan Teske at 785-256-3188.

### Adult Education Word of the Month

*"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* 2 Timothy 3: 16-17.

A critical part of CPR is the "breath of life" - so many chest compressions and so many breaths can revive a dying person. Likewise, let God revive and encourage you and others around you, in all of life's challenges, with the God-breathed breath of life, His Holy Word.

## Saints Alive After 55

The 21st gathering of the Saints Alive After 55 will be July 26-28 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita.

**Theme:** "Hearts Afire" based on 2 Timothy 1:6-7

**Guest Presenter:** Rich Bimler

**Bible Study Leader:** Rev. Jeff Crane

**Insight Sessions:**

- ◆ Spiritual Healing - Ralph Hatcher, M.D.
- ◆ Surviving Retirement - Garry Niehoff
- ◆ It Only Takes a Spark - Carol Manke

**Entertainment:** Boeving Jazz Band

**Closing Worship Preacher:** Rev. Mark Wenzelburger

Program, meals, lodging and accessibility for disabled persons will all be provided at the Spiritual Life Center. Registration forms will be available at your church after May 1st or contact Marlene Lorenz at 316-542-3768.

## 2009 Kansas District Convention

**When:** June 4-6

**Where:** Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Topeka

**Theme:** "Encourage, Raise Up and Motivate One Another in Christ" - Acts of the Apostles

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Robert Newton, President of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District

### Registration

Convention registration is ONLINE this year beginning March 15. You may access it on the district website at [www.kslcms.org/ks\\_convention](http://www.kslcms.org/ks_convention). An Excuse Form for synodically rostered ministers is also available on the website. If you have no access to the internet, contact the District Office at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 219 and we will mail you a packet. Deadline for registration is May 11, 2009.

### Workbooks - Note Changes!

A CD with the contents of the Convention Workbook will be mailed to all delegates by May 1. A printed copy **will not** be provided for you. Laptops will be permitted on the Convention floor so you can view the workbook from the CD. However, internet service and electrical connections **will not** be available.

If you desire a paper copy of the workbook, please print a copy from the CD and bring it with you to the convention.

### Hotel

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Capitol Plaza Hotel under Kansas District Lutherans. Our group rate is \$91.00. This rate does not include taxes. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations. You may call the hotel directly at 1-800-579-7937. Deadline for hotel reservations is May 11, 2009.

### Questions

If you have any questions please call the President's Office at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 219.

## Concordia Seminary Event for High School Youth

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will host the 11th annual *Vocatio* on June 27-July 2 for high school youth. This event is designed to identify, inform and encourage youth with respect to church work vocations.

*Vocatio* provides a unique opportunity for high school youth to participate in Bible study, worship, prayer and discussion and to visit with those who are currently serving in a variety of church work vocations. Youth will be able to gain college and Seminary information pertaining to each of the featured vocations.

The cost is \$50, which includes all activities, meals during the event and on-campus lodging - travel costs are extra. Registration is limited to 80 high school youth entering 9th-12th grade. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@csl.edu](mailto:admissions@csl.edu) or 1-800-822-9545. To register online, visit [www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu).

# Guinea Prayers

## Heiney Family Prayer Requests

- ✚ The decision to move to Bamako is back up in the air as World Mission is trying to decide how to make the best use of the few African missionaries there. Pray that everyone is guided by God as decisions are made.
- ✚ for the students at the seminary as they learn to be leaders of the church
- ✚ for places to worship for the expanding church in Conakry

## Norton Family Prayer Requests

- ✚ For the members of the church in Siguiri who are facing illness, financial difficulties and discouragement, that God would supply their needs
- ✚ For us as we adjust to life in the hottest time of the year
- ✚ For a renewal of vision as some have fallen away during our absence.

## Andrea Herman Prayer Requests

Join her in praising God for:

- ✚ bringing the Nortons back to Guinea safely
- ✚ some recent progress on her furlough presentation
- ✚ restoring her health
- ✚ her TIM congregations and prayer supporters

Join her in asking God for:

- ✚ continued strength and energy to get everything done before furlough and peace of mind
- ✚ wisdom in how and with whom to best spend her time in her last few weeks in Guinea

## Andrea Herman Prayer Requests, cont.

- ✚ a gentle transition back to chilly Minnesota from steamy hot Guinea
- ✚ health, good sleep and quick recovery from jet-lag
- ✚ significant refreshment, relaxation and spiritual filling while stateside
- ✚ for her to not “lose” any of the Maninka she has learned while away
- ✚ safe travels around Kansas and Minnesota during her month of speaking engagements

## Carlos Family Prayer Requests

- ✚ thanksgiving that their speaking calendar is finally filling up with many church visits scheduled in Minnesota
- ✚ that additional churches and groups continue to invite them to speak
- ✚ that some additional medical tests will uncover Jack's food intolerance/allergies
- ✚ that an MRI will identify the extent of Hannah's back pain - she can't run track right now
- ✚ that continuing preparations for their move to France and Germany will go well
- ✚ that their college visits with Raymond go well and that he may find a suitable place to attend next year where he will feel at home and happy
- ✚ thanksgiving that they have found a permanent home for their cat, Peter
- ✚ safe travel as they will be “on the road” a lot!



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